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TO BE TRIED FOR STEALING COOPERATIVE FUNDS

2 CO-OP PERSONNEL CHARGED -- Ziemia Pomorska, No 358, 31 Dec 49

Charged with stealing cooperative funds, Michal Berezowski, manager of the Peasant Self-Help village cooperative in Ostrowite, and his co-worker, Jozef Kucharski, will be tried by the Appellate Court in Bydgoszcz in the near future. After withdrawing 700,000 zlotys from the State Agricultural Bank in Lipno, they buried 600,000 zlotys in the woods and reported that two highwaymen had robbed them of the money. After further investigation and questioning, Berezowski admitted that he and Kucharski were guilty of the crime.

VILLAGE BAILIFF, AIDES SENTENCED -- Ziemia Pomorska, No 345, 16 Dec 49

At an emergency hearing, the Appellate Court of Bydgoszcz sentenced Wladyslaw Murawski, bailiff of Okalewo village, Rypin Powiat, to 3 years' imprisonment; his secretary, Ireneusz Kozlowski, to $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, and the village tax collector, Stanislaw Borowski, to $3\frac{1}{2}$ years' imprisonment. They were charged with appropriating money paid by local villagers for various administrative services and by formers for POP Applications of the property of the property of the population of the pop vices and by farmers for FOR (Agricultural Savings Fund).

Using forged cash vouchers, the defendants defrauded the village administration of 600,000 zlotys.

ECONOMIC SABOTEUR TO BE TRIED -- Ziemia Pomorska, No 356, 6 Dec 49

At the end of December 1949, the Appellate Court of Bydgoszcz will try Leon Brix from Lobdowo, Wabrzezno Powiat, for appropriating large sums of money and commodities belonging to the PCH (State Marketing Center) in Golub. Because of the serious nature of the charge, Brix will be tried at an emergency hearing.

It was disclosed that Brix, as manager of the purchasing center of farm products, appropriated over 14 tons of rye, 25 tons of potatoes, and advance payments made by customers.

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Brix's criminal action was discovered when the village cooperative of Peasant's Self-Help took over the purchasing center.

CHURCHMEN TRIED -- Polska Zbrojna, No 356, 29 Dec 49

On 28 December 1949, the Military District Court in Rzeszow began the trial of several churchmen for aiding subversive and terrorist bands.

The defendants are: Wojciech Lorenc, parish priest from Tryncza, Przeworsk Powiat; Stanislaw Kulak, parish priest from Gniewczyna Lancucka; Stanislaw Zub, vicar of Gniewczyna; Franciszek Jakubiec, church sexton of Tryncza; Stanislaw Niemiec, gravedigger from Gniewczyna; and Stanislaw Tytula. All defendants are charged with collaborating with the Mewa band of the National Armed Forces (NSZ).

The military prosecutor stated that Wojciecz Lorenc had contacted the commander of the Mewa band in the spring of 1945, and helped the band on may occasions. The same charges were made against Stanislaw Kulak, parish priest from Gnievczyna Lancucka, and his vicar, Father Stanislaw Zub. The latter was a member of the National Army (AK) under the German occupation and continued to maintain contacts with anti-government organizations, distributing literature which attacked the present regime in Poland. Since the fall of 1944, Father Zub remained in close contact with the band commander Jan Toth (alias Mewa), and became the chaplain of the band. He reported this fact to his superior, Father Kulak, and the parsonage in Gniewczyna became the base of operations for the

In his capacity as the band's chaplain, Father Zub is accused of celebrating a special mass for them, and inciting them to fight against the present regime and the people's democracy in Poland.

Father Kulak is charged with hiding articles stolen by the band in the granary of the parish and with appropriating some of these articles. In the summer of 1945, Father Kulak consented to the hiding of weapons behind the church altar. Father Lorenc, in complicity with Jakubiec and other members of the band, had hidden arms belonging to the band in the church's garret.

Stanislaw Niemiec, gravedigger of the parish in Gniewczyna Lancucka, is charged with hiding arms in a grave. Stanislaw Tytula is accused of having received and transported arms belonging to the band.

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